

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

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Mr. Phil Bryant, State Auditor Office of the State Auditor Post Office Box 956 Jackson, MS 39205

Dear Mr. Bryant:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 27, 2004. The following is the Response and Corrective Action Plan for the Mississippi State Board of Funeral Service to the 2003 compliance audit performed by your office.

If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Dolores Killebrew-Kenney

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RESPONSE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE IN RESPONSE TO COMPLIANT AUDIT 2003

Findings:

Purchase Orders Should Be Prepared and Approved Prior to the Ordering of Good and Services

Response:

The Mississippi State Board of Funeral Service will make every effort to comply with State law concerning the preparation of purchase orders. In the future purchase orders will be prepared prior to goods and services being ordered.

Findings:

Interest Earned on Bank Account Should Be Deposited into the General Fund

Response:

The interest will be correctly deposited in the General Fund in a timely manner.

Findings:

Cash Receipts Should be Deposited Promptly and Transferred Timely

Response:

The agency will attempt to make transfers to the clearing account as promptly as possible. Deposits are usually made late in the evening. The CR and check are placed in the handmail on the next day. It can possibly take two - three days for the money to be deposited in the clearing account due to the timing of the deposit and the money being received at the Treasury. The agency will make efforts to expedite the process.